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SUBJECT: OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION  
(XCSS) MARCH 12: DISCUSSION OF NORTH/SOUTH  
DIALOGUE

#### SUMMARY

1. OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION (XCSS) MET IN RESTRICTED BUREAU EVENING OF MARCH 11 AND IN PLENARY ON MARCH 12 PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF AND PROSPECTS FOR NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS VOICED IN PLENARY THAT CIEC HAD MADE GOOD START IN ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND SETTING CONSTRUCTIVE PRAGMATIC ATMOSPHERE, BUT THAT THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WERE FRAGILE AND THAT DIALOGUE WOULD REQUIRE POSITIVE CONCRETE PROPOSALS FROM INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IF FORWARD MOMENTUM WAS TO BE MAINTAINED. THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CIEC AND UNCTAC IV BORE CLOSE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER. THUS AT LEAST SOME PROGRESS AT NAIROBI WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTENANCE OF DIALOGUE, BUT THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF WHAT SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF PROGRESS MIGHT BE.

2. AT RESTRICTED BUREAU, SOME PESSIMISM WAS VOICED BY EC AND JAPANESE REPS AS WELL AS CHAIRMEN OF HIGH LEVEL GROUPS ON COMMODITIES AND ON NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH NECESSARY PROPOSALS, GIVEN THE CONSTRAINTS THAT EXIST. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON SOUGHT TO GIVE GREATER BALANCE TO THIS VIEW, AND MENTIONED THAT THE US WAS IN PROCESS OF CONSIDERING POSSIBLE INITIATIVES TO PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS AT UNCTAD. GROUP AGREED THAT PESSIMISTIC VIEWS SHOULD NOT BE ADVERTISED, AND STATEMENTS IN PLENARY WERE MORE MUTED.

3. CANADIANS RAISED ISSUE OF WHETHER DC'S SHOULD BEGIN FORMULATING PACKAGE OF CONCRETE RESULTS WHICH MIGHT EMERGE FROM CIEC TOWARD END OF YEAR. CONVERSELY, IF  
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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WERE SPUN OFF PIECEMEAL DURING CONFERENCE, LDC'S WOULD DEMAND ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS LATER IN DIALOGUE. ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED MAINLY AT RESTRICTED LUNCH, WHERE PACKAGE IDEA GOT CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT, BUT CONSENSUS CRYSTALLIZED ON US VIEW THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO DECIDE PACKAGE-VERSUS-SPINOFF ISSUE UNTIL IT WAS CLEARER WHAT SPECIFIC ELEMENTS MIGHT BE INVOLVED.

4. AFTER TOUR DE TABLE, XCSS PLENARY HEARD REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES OF GROUPS BACKSTOPPING CIEC COMMISSIONS AND RECONFIRMED THEIR MANDATES, NOTING INCREASED NEED FOR ANALYSIS OF SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS RELATED TO DIALOGUE AND FOR MORE EFFORT TO HARMONIZE VIEWS WHERE FAILURE TO DO THIS COULD HARM DIALOGUE. US URGED NORTH/SOUTH HLG TO PURSUE MORE ACTIVE PROGRAM IN THIS DIRECTION. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED TACTICAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY G-8 MECHANISM WHILE OECD GROUPS WOULD WORK ON SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS AND BROADER STRATEGY FOR DIALOGUE. XCSS ALSO AGREED IT WAS PREMATURE, AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER UNCTAD IV, TO DECIDE IN WHAT FORM RESULTS MIGHT ISSUE FROM CIEC. SOME VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED ON QUESTION OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OECD MINISTERIAL AND CIEC OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETING, BUT ISSUE WAS LEFT OPEN.

5. ONE INTERESTING ASPECT OF PLENARY WAS EXTENT TO WHICH EC COMMISSION SERVED AS SPOKESMAN FOR NINE, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES GENERALLY REMAINED SILENT OR SPOKE ONLY TO POINTS MARGINAL TO MAIN THRUST OF DISCUSSION. AT RE-

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STRICTED MEETING IN CONTRAST MEMBER STATE REPS PARTICIPATED FULLY AND OPENLY. IN PLENARY FRANCE MADE CLEAR ITS INTENTION TO PURSUE ISSUE OF HAVING OECD ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE DISCUSS DIALOGUE. END SUMMARY

BUREAU MEETING

6. THE MAIN FOCUS OF BUREAU MEETING WAS ON WHAT CIEC OR UNCTAD COULD ACCOMPLISH. EC, JAPAN AND CHAIRMEN OF HLGC AND HL NORTH SOUTH GROUP GAVE PESSIMISTIC ASSESSMENTS OF LIKEIHOOD OF POSITIVE RESULTS FROM EITHER. EC (HIJZEN) FELT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE A SET OF SPECIFIC POSITIVE PROPOSALS OUT OF CIEC IN TIME TO PRESENT TO UNCTAD. THE BEST WE COULD DO AT NAIROBI WAS SOMEHOW TO CREATE AN "ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE". JAPAN (YOSHINO) ALSO DOUBTED THAT WE COULD PRODUCE ANY CONCRETE RESULTS AT UNCTAD THAT WOULD SATISFY THE G-77 OR THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN CIEC BY THE YEAR'S END. CHAIRMAN OF HLGC (PRESTON) WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT POSSIBLE PROGRESS IN THE COMMODITY AREA AND FELT THE MOST WE WOULD ACHIEVE IN UNCTAD WAS TO ESTABLISH A FUTURE WORK PROGRAM ON COMMODITIES.

SINCE HE FELT FUTURE WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN NON-CIEC BODIES, HE QUESTIONED FUTURE ROLE OF CIEC COMMISSION ON RAW MATERIALS. CHAIRMAN ROBERT OF NORTH SOUTH HLG ALSO DOUBTED POSSIBILITY OF REAL SOLUTIONS THIS YEAR.

7. NORWAY AND CANADA WERE MORE POSITIVE AND US (ROBINSON) ALSO TOOK MORE OPTIMISTIC ATTITUDE WHICH RESTORED BALANCE TO DISCUSSION. HE POINTED OUT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS AND NOTED THAT THE US WAS WORKING ON SOME POSSIBLE INITIATIVES FOR UNCTAD. HE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF SOME FORM OF GENERAL PLAN WHICH WOULD THEN REQUIRE DETAILED EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT - A FACT WHICH WOULD GIVE ADDED WORK AND MEANING TO CIEC.  
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8. JOLLES AND VAN LENNEP WERE ALSO GENERALLY POSITIVE AND ALL REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THAT THE DOUBTS EXPRESSED AT THE BUREAU MEETING SHOULD NOT BE EXPRESSED AT PLENARY BECAUSE OF DANGER OF ADVERSELY AFFECTING GENERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD CIEC.

9. ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CIEC AND UNCTAD, SEC GEN VAN LENNEP SUMMARIZED BY NOTING A CONSENSUS THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SHOULD ACHIEVE CONCRETE PROGRESS IN MARCH/APRIL CIEC IN ORDER TO GIVE G-77 MODERATES A CHANCE TO ESTABLISH CREDIBILITY OF CIEC AND TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS IN UNCTAD HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF SUCH PROGRESS.

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PLENARY

RE-ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRMAN

10. PAUL JOLLES OF SWITZERLAND WAS UNANIMOUSLY RE-

ELECTED XCSS CHAIRMAN FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

TOUR DE TABLE ON NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE:  
CURRENT ASSESSMENT AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE

11. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE FIRST ROUND OF THE CIEC COMMISSIONS HAD GONE WELL, THAT THE ORGANIZATIONAL PHASE WAS NOW COMPLETED, AND THAT THE NEXT STAGE OF ANALYSIS WOULD NEED TO BE FOLLOWED BY A PHASE OF CONCRETE ACTION IF THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE DIALOGUE WERE TO REMAIN CONSTRUCTIVE. THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT WHILE CIEC DID NOT HAVE A DIRECT INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP TO UNCTAD IV, THE TWO MEETINGS OBVIOUSLY HAD A CLOSE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP AND THE ATMOSPHERE IN ONE WOULD AFFECT THE OTHER. THE MOOD OF PESSIMISM WHICH HAD BEEN FREELY EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL EUROPEANS DURING THE RESTRICTED BUREAU MEETING THE EVENING BEFORE WAS MUTED IN THE PLENARY.

12. THE TOUR DE TABLE WAS OPENED BY CANADA (DUPUY) REPRESENTING THE CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMAN. DUPUY SAID THAT THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE WAS NOW OVER, HAVING SATISFACTORILY ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVES OF CREATING INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS AND PROVIDING THE CONFERENCE WITH A GENERAL ORIENTATION OF SEEKING PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS AND AVOIDING CONFRONTATION. THE INITIAL SUCCESSES OF CIEC HAD SEEN LEADERSHIP OF THE G-19 PASSING FROM EXTREMISTS TO PRAGMATISTS SUCH AS PEREZ-GUERRERO. THE CONFERENCE WAS NOW MOVING TO THE SECOND STAGE IN WHICH SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WOULD BE FIRST REVIEWED AND THEN ACTED UPON. HOW ACTION PROPOSALS WERE TO BE FORMULATED.  
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LATED WAS A KEY QUESTION FOR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHICH NEEDED TO CONSIDER THE DEADLINES WHICH THE CONFERENCE FACED, NOTABLY ITS MINISTERIAL AROUND THE END OF THE YEAR AND, MORE IMMEDIATELY, UNCTAD IV. CHAIRMAN JOLLES ADDED THAT THE DC'S WILL HAVE TO PASS FROM ANALYSIS TO ACTION PROPOSALS, PERHAPS NOT IN THE MARCH ROUND, BUT DEFINITELY IN APRIL.

13. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON SAID THAT THE TASK OF CIEC WAS TO BRING THE NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONSHIP INTO ACCORD WITH THE NEW REALITIES OF INTERDEPENDENCE. WHILE THERE WAS NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CIEC AND UNCTAD IV, IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF CIEC ON NAIROBI. THE DC'S COULD INFLUENCE THE RESULTS OF UNCTAD IV BY INFLUENCING ATTITUDES OF LDC'S. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE AIM FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT AT NAIROBI OR AT LEAST TO AVOID A DISASTER THERE

BECAUSE IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE DIALOGUE MOVE FORWARD CONSTRUCTIVELY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WHILE THERE WERE PROBLEMS ATTACHED TO FORWARD MOVEMENT, THESE PROBLEMS WERE MINOR IN COMPARISON WITH THOSE WE WOULD ALL FACE IF A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LDC'S WERE NOT ESTABLISHED. THUS THE CONFERENCE REPRESENTED A TURNING POINT IN THE EVOLUTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

14. THE EC (HIJZEN) SPOKE AT LENGTH OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ANALYSIS IN IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS BUT BELIEVED IT PREMATURE TO DECIDE WHEN ACTION PROPOSALS SHOULD BE PUT FORWARD. JAPAN (YOSHINO) AGREED WITH THE PRECEDING SPEAKERS THAT THE DIALOGUE MUST AVOID CONFRONTATION AND THAT SOME WAY MUST BE FOUND TO TIDE THE WORLD OVER ITS PRESENT SITUATION. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO THINK IN TERMS OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS. WHILE HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY WHAT THEY MIGHT BE, HE THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE TO BE FOUND IN AREAS SUCH AS A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES, IN TECHNIQUES FOR STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS, IN DEBT RELIEF AND IN IMPROVEMENT IN THE TERMS OF TRADE IN WHATEVER WAYS THIS COULD BE PRACTICALLY ACHIEVED. IF SOME CONCRETE ELEMENTS COULD BE FOUND FOR UNCTAD IV, THEN THERE WAS HOPE THAT A COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED WITH THE G-19. THE RESULTS MIGHT NOT BE SATISFACTORY TO THE LDC'S BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO AVOID DISASTER.

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15. OECD SEC GEN VAN LENNEP THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO TAKE

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ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGING WORLD ECONOMIC PICTURE WHICH BY  
THE END OF THIS YEAR WOULD BE FAR DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS  
AT THE TIME OF KLEBER I. WORLD ECONOMIC RECOVERY WILL BE  
CHANGED DRAMATICALLY FROM EARLIER PROJECTIONS. FOR  
EXAMPLE, THE OECD HAD EARLIER BELIEVED THAT THE TERMS OF  
TRADE FOR LDC COMMODITY PRODUCERS WOULD ONLY HAVE  
REGAINED 50 PERCENT OF THE MARGIN LOST BETWEEN THE HEIGHT

OF THE COMMODITY BOOM AND THE DEPTHS OF THE RECESSION BY 1980. BUT IN FACT THIS TARGET HAS ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED. VAN LENNEP THEN NOTED THAT THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE DIFFERENT ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED IN CIEC WAS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT, ESPECIALLY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENERGY ISSUES ON THE ONE HAND AND THE OTHER NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES ON THE OTHERS. AT VAN LENNEP'S INVITATION IEA DEPUTY DIRECTOR HOPKINS ELABORATED ON THIS POINT.

16. IN INTERESTING INTERVENTION, SPAIN POINTED TO IMPORTANCE OF MAY OPEC MEETING AS INDICATOR OF HOW WELL DIALOGUE WOULD BE GOING. HE FELT THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD TWO PRINCIPAL AIMS IN THE DIALOGUE: (1) TO OBTAIN OIL PRICES WHICH, IF NOT CHEAPER THAN NOW, WOULD AT LEAST BE STABLE; AND (2) TO AVERT THE USE OF OIL AS A POLITICAL WEAPON AGAINST THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE HE THOUGHT THE OIL PRICE THAT WILL EMERGE FROM THE OPEC MEETING WILL BE IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER.

17. SWEDEN (DENNIS) AGREED WITH PREVIOUS SPEAKERS THAT CIEC HAD HAD A GOOD START, OF A LARGELY ORGANIZATIONAL SORT, BUT FELT THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED NOW TO SHOW THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MEANT BUSINESS. HE HAD HEARD THE VIEW EXPRESSED THAT THE DC'S SHOULD NOT "EMPTY THEIR BAG" OF POSSIBLE CONCESSIONS IN UNCTAD IV. HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT THIS VIEW HAD NOT BEEN EXPRESSED AT THE XCSS, BECAUSE IF THIS POSITION WERE ADOPTED, THE DC'S WOULD BE ACCUSED OF DELAYING TACTICS. SWEDEN FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE CONCRETE RESULTS AT NAIROBI AND

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THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO COME FORWARD WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY. WHILE ANALYTIC WORK WAS NEEDED, SUCH WORK SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM TO AVOID THE CHARGE THAT THE DC'S WERE STALLING. WITH REGARD TO THE ENERGY COMMISSION, SWEDEN COULD UNDERSTAND WHY THE LDC'S WANTED TO LINK ENERGY AND OTHER ISSUES BUT FELT THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD AVOID REVERSE LINKAGE REQUIRING PROGRESS ON ENERGY FOR CONCESSIONS ELSEWHERE.

18. NORWAY SUPPORTED THE SWEDISH VIEWS AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF UNCTAD AS A FORUM IN WHICH ALL LDC'S WOULD BE REPRESENTED. PUBLIC OPINION IN NORWAY WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH WHAT WOULD COME OUT OF THIS CONFERENCE, AND NORWEGIAN REP APPEALED TO THE UNITED STATES TO PLAY A ROLE AT UNCTAD SIMILAR TO THAT ADOPTED AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IN COMING UP WITH A NUMBER OF IMAGINATIVE AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS. THE NETHERLANDS, NOTING THAT THE EC HAD

SPOKEN FOR THEM AS WELL AS FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NINE, ADDED THE COMMENT THAT G-19 SOLIDARITY WAS USEFUL FROM THE G-8 VIEWPOINT SINCE THE G-19 CHAIRMAN WAS WORKING FOR MODERATE POSITIONS. THE DUTCH CAUTIONED THEREFORE THAT THE DC'S SHOULD NOT SEEK TO ERODE G-19 COHESION. AUSTRIA EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE DIALOGUE SO FAR, STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL UNCTAD, AND SAID THEY WOULD BE SUBMITTING SOME OF THEIR OWN IDEAS (UNSPECIFIED) TO THAT CONFERENCE. SWITZERLAND AGREED THAT THE CIEC RESULTS SO FAR WERE SATISFACTORY BUT SAW THE SITUATION AS FRAGILE. GREECE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THE POSITIVE ASSESSMENTS THAT PARTICIPANTS IN CIEC HAD MADE BUT ALSO DISCERNED AN ELEMENT OF DOUBT AND PESSIMISM UNDERLYING THESE STATEMENTS. AUSTRALIA LOOKED ON CIEC WITH A MIXTURE OF OPTIMISM AND CAUTION AND EMPHASIZED THAT TESTING POINTS WERE STILL TO COME. NEW ZEALAND IN A SIMILAR STATEMENT SAID THEY HAD FEARED THAT BECAUSE CIEC HAD GOTTEN OFF TO A GOOD START THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A DISPOSITION TO DOWNPLAY UNCTAD. NEW ZEALAND WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE.

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#### PACKAGING RESULTS OF UNCTAD AND CIEC

19. KEY ISSUE DISCUSSED PRIMARILY DURING RESTRICTED LUNCHEON SESSION BUT ALLUDED TO AT SEVERAL POINTS DURING PLENARY WAS FORM OF SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS TO BE ANTICIPATED AT UNCTAD AND CIEC. FOR UNCTAD, GENERAL SENSE WAS THAT SOME POSITIVE RESULTS NECESSARY, PERHAPS MINI-PACKAGE ON TWO OR THREE KEY ISSUES, BUT NO VIEW WAS EXPRESSED AS TO WHAT THE PRECISE UNDERTAKINGS AT UNCTAD MIGHT BE. RE CIEC ITSELF, DUPUY (CANADA) RAISED QUESTION WHETHER WE SHOULD BEGIN FORMULATING POSSIBLE PACKAGE OF CONCRETE RESULTS THAT WOULD EMERGE TOWARD THE END OF THE YEAR. PACKAGE (REFERRED TO BY DUPUY AS "FAN") SHOULD BALANCE END RESULTS IN EACH OF COMMISSIONS. IF, IN CONTRAST, PIECEMEAL RESULTS WERE SPUN OFF AT EARLIER STAGES OF CIEC THESE WOULD ONLY BE POCKETED BY LDC'S WHO WOULD THEN ASK FOR ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS AT END OF CONFERENCE. THIS PACKAGE APPROACH RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT, INCLUDING FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, JAPAN AND EC. EC (HIJZEN) AND OTHERS, HOWEVER, SUPPORTED US VIEW THAT WHOLE ISSUE OF PACKAGE VERSUS STAGED OR PIECEMEAL RESULTS WAS PRE-MATURE UNTIL CLEARER PICTURE EMERGED AS TO WHAT THE

SUBSTANTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS WOULD BE. HENCE CONSENSUS VIEW  
IN RESTRICTED SESSION WAS NOT TO PURSUE THIS ISSUE IN  
PLENARY OR TO REFER TO IT IN FINAL SUMMING UP BY JOLLES.

REPORTS BY CHAIRMEN OF OECD BACKSTOPPING GROUPS

20. IN ADDITION TO REMARKS BY HOPKINS OF IEA  
REFERRED TO ABOVE, XCSS ALSO HEARD REPORTS ON WORK OF  
OTHER BACKSTOPPING GROUPS AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

COMMODITIES:

21. IN SUMMARIZING RESULTS OF MOST RECENT MEETING  
OF HIS GROUP, CHAIRMAN PRESTON OF HIGH LEVEL GROUP  
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ON COMMODITIES (HLGC) POINTED TO SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVE-  
MENTS IN IMF COMPENSATORY FINANCING FACILITY RESULT-  
ING FROM JAMAICA MEETING, AND INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH  
SOME REMAINED STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF ADDITIONAL MEASURES  
IN THIS AREA, MAJORITY OF DELS NOW TOOK RESERVED, BUT  
OPEN POSITION. DISCUSSIONS OF SIX ADDITIONAL COMMO-  
DITIES HAD REVEALED NONE FOR WHICH TRADITIONAL COM-  
MODITY AGREEMENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. PRESTON  
NOTED THAT THOUGH ON WHOLE HLCG HAD FOUND VERY  
LIMITED SCOPE FOR SUCH AGREEMENTS, IT HAD IDENTI-  
FIED MANY OTHER APPROACHES TO AMELIORATING PARTICU-  
LAR COMMODITY PROBLEMS. HLCG RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE  
OF CLEAR FORWARD MOVEMENT ON COMMODITIES AT UNCTAD IV,  
ALTHOUGH MUCH OF TOTOTAL POSSIBLE PROGRESS WOULD  
NEED TO COME AFTERWARDS IN OTHER FORUMS. HLCG HAD  
AGREED THAT NEXT TWO SESSIONS OF COMMISSION ON RAW  
MATERIALS (CORM) WOULD BE DIFFICULT ONES. PRS  
PRESTON GAVE OUTLINE OF WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT MEET-  
ING AND INDICATED HE DID NOT FEEL HLCG NEEDED ANY  
ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM XCSS. EC COMMISSION REP  
(HIJZEN) SAW DC'S IN DIFFICULT POSITION BECAUSE OB-  
JECTIVE ANALYSIS WOULD SHOW GREAT LIMITATIONS TO  
THE PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES OF FORWARD MOVEMENT. HE  
URGED GROUP KEEP ITS IMAGINATION WORKING AT FULL  
CAPACITY. CHAIRMAN (JOLLES) STRESSED DESIRABILITY  
OF HARMONIZATION OF OECD VIEWS IF PROGRESS WERE TO  
BE POSSIBLE, AND SECGEN VAN LENNEP URGED THAT CIEC  
BE USED TO INCREASE LDC'S UNDERSTANDING OF FACT THAT  
RESOURCE TRANSFERS WERE NOT FEASIBLE THROUGH THE

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THE COMMODITY PRICE MECHANISM. PRESTON AGREED WITH LATTER POINT, BUT NOTED THAT LDC'S ATTACHMENT TO INDEXATION CONCEPT WAS SUCH THAT EFFORTS AT THIS NEEDED TO BE EMBEDDED IN A POSITIVE OVERALL APPROACH.

DEVELOPMENT:

22. MAIN POINT OF RATHER NONSUBSGNON-SUBSTANTIVE REPORT BY AD HOC HIGH LEVEL GROUP (AHG) CHAIRMAN ROBERT WAS THAT HE SAW NEED TO PUT SLIGHT CHANGE OF EMPHASIS ON WORK OF AHG, AWAY FROM TACTICAL PREPARATION OFOR CIEC (WHICH COULD BE LEFT TO G-8), AND TOWARD ANALYSIS OF SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS AND OPTIONS WHICH WOULD BE OF MORE GENERAL USE IN DISCUSSIONS IN ALL FORUMS. ROBERT SAID HIS GROUP WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK HARD AT DEVELOPING NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACHES, BUT HE WAS ONLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FINDING THESE IN SOME AREAS. ONLY COMMENT WAS BY US DEL, WHO AGREED THAT HG HLG'S SHOULD PERFORM SUBSTANTIVE RATHER THAN TACTICAL ROLE AND SYMPATHIZED WITH PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TASK THAT AHG FACED IN VIEW OF DIVERSE SET OF ISSUES BEFORE IT. HE SUGGESTED HOWEVER THAT AHG ADOPT MORE ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR ACHIEVING GREATER HARMONIZATION OF VIEWS IN OECD ON KEY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE IN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. AT THESAME TIME LOW PRIORITY COULD BE GIVEN TO LONGER TERM QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA OF LESS PRESSING CONCERN.

FINANCE:

23. FAY OF OECD SECRETARIAT OUTLINED WORK OF ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE'S TEMOTEMPORARY WRWORKING PARTY (TWP) AND SUGGESTED THAT COMMON APPRECIATION OF CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC OUTLOOK COULD BE IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT IN CIEC FINANCE  
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COMMISSION WHICH COULD HAVE MAJOR FAVORABLE BEARING ON ATTITUDES IN DIALOG. HE NOTED TWP HAD DUTIES OTHER THAN DIALOGUE A BACKSTOPPING AND THAT IT WAS BEGINNING TO CONSIDER ISSUES COMING UP IN CIEC FINANCE

COMMISSION (LIKE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN LDC'S) WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN EXTENSIVELY TREATED BY OTHER OECD BODIES. HE THUS SAW POSSIBLE NEED FOR CONFIRMATION OF ROLE TWP SHOULD PLAY WITH RESPECT TO CIEC. XCSS REAFFIRMED THAT TWP WAS PLAYING A VERY USEFUL ROLE.

OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED:

TRADE:

24. SEC GEN VAN LENNEP EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT TENDENCY OF TRADE SPECIALISTS TO KEEP THEIR SUBJECT OUT OF CIEC, SAYING HE THOUGHT TRADE WAS AN AREA WHERE CONCRETE RESULTS MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN IMPROVING DC/LDC RELATIONS WITHOUT HURTING MTN. EC, US, AND CANADA RESPONDED THAT THEY DID NOT CONSIDER TRADE CHAPTER OF CIEC CLOSED AND THAT MTN AND CIEC WOULD INEVITABLY BE MUTUALLY REINFORCING.

FRENCH DESIRE TO ENHANCE OECD-WIDE BACKSTOPPING FOR ENERGY ASPECTS OF DIALOGUE.

25. DURING MORNING PLENARY, FRENCH REP (FROMENT-MEURICE) TOOK OCCASION OF THE VAN LENNEP AND HOPKINS REMARKS ON THE RELATION OF ENERGY ISSUES TO THE REST OF THE DIALOGUE (PARA 15 ABOVE) TO PRESS TWO

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ORGANIZATIO/AL POINTS. FIRST, HE EXPRESSED DIS-  
APPOINTMENT THAT THE OECD WOULD NOT BE PRESENT IN THE  
ENERGY COMMISSION AS A PERMANENT OBSERVER BUT ONLY AS  
AN AD HOC OBSERVER. SECONDLY, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE  
THAT THE ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE (CEP) WOULD DISCUSS  
THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE AT ITS APRIL MEETING, AND  
HE ASKED THAT THE XCCSS BE INFORMED OF CEP DIS-  
CUSSIONS WHICH RELATED TO THE DIALOGUE. (NOTE: BOTH  
THESE POINTS INVOLVE THE FRENCH DESIRE TO SEE OECD-  
WIDE GROUPS PLAY A LARGER ROLE IN DIALOGUE ISSUES  
VIS-A-VIS THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, TO W/ICH  
THEY DO NOT BELONG. END NOTE) IN RESPONSE, VAN  
LENNEP SAID THAT HE INTENDED OECD  
PARTICIPATION, EVEN IF ONLY AD /HOC, TO BE RATHER  
EXTENSIVE. HE HAD NOT PROTESTED THE OECD'S NON-

PERMANENT STATUS. HE FELT THAT THE OECD WAS INDEED REPRESENTED AT THE MEETINGS THROUGH THE PRESENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE JOINT ENERGY STAFF. WITH REGARD TO THE ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE, IT WAS UP TO THIS BODY TO DECIDE ITS OWN WORK PROGRAM. VAN LENNEP UNDERSTOOD THE CEP WOULD DISCUSS ALL RELEVANT ENERGY ITEMS INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO THE DIALOGUE.

PROCEDURES FOR SHAPING FORMAL RESULTS OF CIEC:

26. DELS (US, EC, CANADA) WHO SPOKE TO THIS QUESTION RAISED BY JOLLES, AGREED THAT IT WAS PREMATURE AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER //UNCTAD TO DECIDE IN WHAT FORM RESULTS MIGHT ISSUE FROM CIEC OR WHAT PROCEDURES MIGHT BE USED TO RECORD SUCH RESULTS. EC HOWEVER WENT ON TO SUGGEST INFORMAL WRITTEN SUMMARIES BY CO-CHAIRMAN AS USEFUL FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE. US RESPONDED THAT SUCH WRITTEN REPORTS WOULD ALSO BE PREMATURE AT THIS STAGE; MOREOVER PRELIMINARY US VIEW WAS THAT SOME FORM OF DRAFTING GROUP RATHER THAN CO-CHAIRMAN WOULD BE PREFERABLE VEHICLE IF WRITTEN REPORTS AT SOME POINT BECAME DESIRABLE. CANADIAN DEL  
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SAID HE ASSUMED CIEC OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETING IN JUNE WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE TO WORK ON THE BASIS OF SOME WRITTEN ASSESSMENT OF THE COMMISSIONS' PROGRESS.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CIEC AND OECD MINISTERIAL:

27. SWISS, IN RESPONSE TO JOLLES QUESTION THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OECD MINISTERS TO BE ABLE TO CONSIDER RESULTS OF BOTH UNCTAD AND CIEC MID-TERM REVIEW WHEN THEY MET AND THEREFORE CIEC OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETING SHOULD PRECEDE OECD MINISTERIAL. US DEL STATED IT WAS OUR CURRENT THINKING THAT IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IF OECD MINISTERIAL TOOK PLACE BEFORE CIEC OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETING. EC SAID IT WAS OPEN-MINDED AND SUGGESTED ISSUE BE TAKEN UP AGAIN AT NEXT XCSS.

NEXT XCSS MEETING

28. DATES OF MAY 13-14 WERE PROVISIONALLY AGREED FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF XCSS, WITH DATES OF MAY 19-20 MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE.  
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